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1. Dr. Raoul Bretzel, Italian citizen and commercial director of Anilin of the ACNA (Azienda Colorifici Nazionale Affini) firm, arrived in Vienna between 19 and 20 February 1949. ACNA is an element of the Montecatini trust and is located in Milan on viale Albania. The purpose of Bretzel's visit was primarily to investigate the market possibilities in Austria prior to opening an ACNA sales office in Vienna in the near future. This sales office would attempt to employ persons who had formerly worked for I.G. Farben and assign them the same type of work they had carried out for the latter. This would give the Montecatini company the advantage of control over all trained sales personnel in this field in the event that I.G. Farben once more becomes a serious competitor. Bretzel left Vienna on approximately 26 February for a short trip to Salzburg and was expected to return to Vienna.
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2. [REDACTED], USIA (Administration of Soviet Property in Austria) now obtains most of its textile dyes through shipments smuggled into Austria from remaining I.G. Farben stocks in Germany. Since I.G. Farben is not at present producing the particular types of dyes needed by USIA, this method of supply is limited. Bretzel stated, however, that ACNA does not intend to supply USIA or any Soviet satellite country with ACNA-manufactured dyes. Bretzel pointed out that the ACNA representative in Hungary was recently recalled.

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